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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents **Box RCE**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Marked up versions of the replacement claims as amended below have been included in Appendix A of this Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

> 1. (Twice Amended) An optical logic circuit, comprising:

> > a substrate comprising a first material;

an optical layer overlaling the substrate at least partially comprising a second material, the optical layer configured to provide a plurality of optical pathways, at least one optical pathway configured to transmit an optical bias signal, at least one optical pathway configured to provide an optical input signal, and at least one optical pathway configured to provide an optical output signal; and

an interference region at least partially comprising the second material, configured to selectively cause interference of wavefronts of the optical bias signal and the optical input signal entering the interference region, the interference